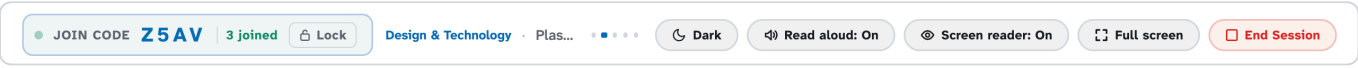
OctoDecks quick start

Your first live lesson, and what every button does.

Your first lesson in five steps

1. **Open a deck.** In the Deck Library, open one of your decks or pick a template. *First Lesson in Five Minutes* shows students the tools.
2. **Press Present.** The lesson goes live and a room code appears on the board.
3. **Students join.** They go to **octodecks.app** and type the code. No accounts or names. Press **Lock** once everyone is in.
4. **Teach. Next** and **Back**, the arrow keys, Space or a clicker. Students' screens follow yours. On an activity slide students answer on their devices, and the results slide after it shows the class's answers.
5. **End Session.** Export the lesson with every answer as a PDF or PowerPoint, or choose **End without saving**. Answers are then deleted.

The teacher bar



1. **Join code** and how many students have joined.
2. **Lock** stops anyone new joining. Students already in can reconnect.
3. **Slide dots** show where you are in the deck.
4. **Dark** or light board.
5. **Read aloud** lets students hear slides on their own device.
6. **Screen reader** lets a blind student switch on screen reader mode.
7. **Full screen**. Press Esc to leave it.
8. **End Session** closes the lesson for everyone.

On activity slides

- A count of answers appears along the bottom.
- **Freeze input** stops new answers. **Reset** clears them to ask again.
- Click **×** on an answer to take it off the board.
- A **flagged** count means a student tried to send a word that was blocked. Only you see it.
- Multiple choice shows the correct answer once three students have answered, or press **Reveal Answer**.

What students can do

- **Aa**: text size and font, including OpenDyslexic.
- Background colour, including soft tints.
- Tap a dotted word for its meaning, picture or Keyword Model.
- **Challenge**: a harder version of the slide.
- **Listen**, when you have Read aloud on.

Only the student sees the help they use.

Two screens? Use the arrow next to Present and choose **Presenter view (2 screens)** for your notes and the next slide.

No Wi-Fi? Choose **Present offline (no Wi-Fi)**. You can show the slides, but students can't join.